



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 22 January and 29 January 2023

Our Vision: To build God's Kingdom here on earth as in heaven

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Milton Worship for All
11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer
11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Paul reminds the church in Corinth that the Christian faith is not about being better than others, and appeals to them to unite around the cross of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 The prophecy of Isaiah is lived out by Jesus, who makes his home in Galilee, where God had promised his light would shine.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer List: Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Chris Seviour, Baby Humphrey Jupp, Catherine Wallace, Sian Jones and Marie Gill.

Deanery: 22 January All Saints, Shorthampton. Please pray for (Interregnum) Jan Fielden, Tish Bird and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

29 January St John the Baptist, Fifield. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley and churchwardens Catherine Hitchens and Mary Champness.

R.I.P. Betty Watts.

Funerals: The funeral of Betty Watts is on Monday 23 January 2pm in Idbury Church.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 4/ CANDLEMAS

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading I Corinthians 1.18-31 John 2.1-11

Gospel John 2.1-11

Wednesday Mid-Week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church.

**£100 Prize
Every
Month!**

Monthly Prize Draw for Shipton for 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported this during 2022. You should have already been contacted to see if you would like to renew for 2023.

The draw will stay at £36 per ticket. If you would like to join, please complete a application form (available on

the website wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Shipton-Prize-Draw-application-2023.pdf). If you are renewing, you don't need to fill out another form just confirm how many tickets you would like for 2023. Email Hilary: hilarymatthews58@gmail.com .

Meetings

JPCC Monday 23 January 9am Benefice Centre. Open to everyone.

The Diocese of Oxford invites you to COME AND SEE

Here at the Wychwood Benefice we will be looking at Come and See at our Lent Groups and also during Sunday services in Lent.

Who is it for and when is it happening?

Come and See takes place during Lent each year. It's an open invitation to everyone, for everyone for an adventure in faith and trust. It's something for the local church and the whole community including children and young people, families and schools. It's completely free and all are welcome. This year Come and See starts on Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023.

What does it involve?

We send you a short email each day, Monday to Saturday. And on Sundays during Lent you receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the theme for Come and See that year in a bit more detail. Each email begins with a short passage of text from the Bible. If you've never opened a Bible before, please don't worry, just go with the flow as you settle in to the journey.

What about children and families?

We have a separate weekly email for children and families, and separate materials for teachers, and children, youth and family leaders too. Children and schools materials include films from our school chaplains, and access to some of the contemplative practices from our Space Makers toolkit.

Sign up for the family emails here:

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

How do I register?

Sign up for the Come and See emails using the link below (or above for families) Come and See is completely free and all are welcome.

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

More details can also be found on the Oxford Diocese Website here:

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

Outreach: Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 24 January 11am Coffee Old Prebendal House

Monday 6 February 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 7 February 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 21 February 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

The Fifield Warm Hub in Fifield Parish Hall

Tuesday 7 February 11am-2pm Coffee, Cake & Company, Homemade Soup & Bread £3 Parish Hall. Contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Tuesday 21 February 11am-1pm Tea, Coffee & Cake. Drop in Parish Hall. Free – all welcome. Contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Also Drop in on Thursdays 19 and 26 January and 2, 9, 16 and 23 February 10.30-12.30pm for Tea, Coffee & Cake. Contact Amy Schlee 01993 831826.

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY – 3 BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

First Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-end] Paul tells the Corinthians that he did not come to them with lofty words or wisdom, and that God's wisdom is not of this age. God has revealed wisdom through the Spirit and those not taught by the Spirit do not receive spiritual gifts.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his followers they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Furthermore, he tells them he has not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfil them. Only those whose righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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